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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>Evaluation: C-3 Source: "With Good Contacts in Egyptian Press Circles"</p> <p>2. "According to information which seems well founded, the following is an explanation of the change of Prime Ministers from Samir Rifai Pasha to Tawfiq Abi Hoda Pasha. The real minister of the country at the moment is Glubb Pasha who has complete control of the army. British agents are making use of him to guide the policy of the Regent. The government has been frightened by the wave of revolt and hostility among the thousands of Palestinians now involved in the country of Jordan and among the refugees because of its friendliness toward Israel. Among these people it was never King Abdullah, and still less in the present Regent, to whom they looked as their spiritual leader, religious chief, and even national hero. On the contrary, their real leader is as he always has been Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, ex-Mufti of Jerusalem. In order to satisfy these people and keep them quiet in the present troubled circumstances, the British through Glubb Pasha counseled both the Regent and Samir Rifai to make Tawfiq Abi Hoda Prime Minister; for though he has no special ability or other merit, he is well known for his anti-Jewish policy and for a personal hatred of Israel and of everything Jewish. It was further expected that making Hoda Prime Minister would satisfy the other Arab countries and diminish any tendency on their part to interfere in Jordan's internal affairs."</p> <p align="right">DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION BB2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2008</p> <p align="center">THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.</p> <p align="center">SECRET SECURITY INFORMATION</p>			
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